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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: SARTORIUS INDIA
PVT. LTD., BANGALORE

REF: USDOC 00255

¶1. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12(c) of the Export Administration Act.

¶2. Acting Export Control Officer (ECO) David Nardella and BIS FSN Prem Narayan conducted a Post-shipment Verification (PSV) at Sartorius India Pvt. Ltd. (Sartorius), Bangalore, on January 23, 2007.

¶3. BIS requested a PSV at Sartorius, a private sector company, located at: #10, 3rd Phase Peenya, 6th Main, KIADB Industrial Area, Bangalore 560058, Tel: 91-80-2837-7728, Fax: 91-80-4117-1840, Email: amit.chatterjee@sartorius.com, Website: www.sartorius.com. The PSV was requested under EAR99/NLR. Sartorius was listed as Ultimate Consignee for three transactions for regulator valves and valves with pneumatic actuator. The exporter was Richards Industries in Cincinnati, Ohio.

¶4. ECO along with FSN Narayan met with Amit Chatterjee (Chatterjee), Managing Director, Biju Joseph (Joseph), Vice President-Manufacturing and N. Ramesh (Ramesh), Assistant Manager-Materials, Sartorius.

¶5. BIS requested seven (7) PSVs to be conducted at Sartorius for different commodities imported from seven different U.S. firms, including its U.S. affiliation Sartorius North America. Chatterjee and his colleagues were not aware of the BIS regulations. This was the first official visit by a USG or BIS official to Sartorius. Chatterjee stated that they regularly import products from U.S. companies. He stated that in the absence of the U.S. exporters' invoice numbers or relevant transaction papers, it will be difficult to locate the relevant transaction documentation. BIS team did not possess invoices for any of the 7 requested PSVs.

¶6. ECO then advised Chatterjee that BIS, through its headquarters, will obtain the copies of invoices and forward to Sartorius. ECO asked Chatterjee if he would permit the PSV to commence, once all associated invoices are obtained and provided to him. Chatterjee reluctantly replied that he believed the checks would be allowed, but added he would need to inquire with the parent company, to determine if there are corporate legal concerns associated with the PSVs.

¶7. He asked the BIS Team to first obtain, and forward to him the transaction invoices. He would then seek approval from his parent company in Germany, for the PSVs to commence. Chatterjee noted

that
the subject equipment might not be at their facility because much
of
what Sartorius purchases is integrated into custom products sold to
customers.

¶8. The invoices for the Richards Industries exports were obtained
and forwarded to Sartorius on February 22, 2007. Based on the
information in the invoices, Sartorius reported the Richards
Industries valves were incorporated into fermentors which were sold
to Reliance Industries Ltd. Mumbai, India.

¶9. Sartorius was established in 1992, is a fully owned subsidiary
of
Sartorius AG based in Goettingen, Germany. According to company
brochure Sartorius is one of the leading laboratory and process
technology providers covering the segments of biotechnology and
mechatronics. For biotechnology industry Sartorius manufactures
membrane filters, syringe filters, vacuum filtration units,
pressure
filtration units and venting units. In mechatronics it
manufactures
analytical balances, precision balances, micro and ultra
micro-balances, moisture analysis equipment, and electrochemical
analysis equipment. In addition, it manufactures gold and carat
weighing scales. The key Sartorius customers include
pharmaceutical, chemical and food and beverage industries. In
addition, it sells its products to several research and educational
institutes of the public sector undertakings (PSU). In India
Sartorius is headquartered in Bangalore along with two
manufacturing
facilities with five regional offices located in Mumbai, New Delhi,
Kolkata, Secunderabad, and Chennai. Sartorius sales in FY 2006
were
approximately \$23 million. It employs 450 personnel India-wide.

¶10. Recommendation: While all indications are that the commodity is
being used by Sartorius in its manufacturing process in accordance
with the Export Administration Regulations the ECO will be unable to
physically verify their actual end use. As such this check is
inconclusive. (PDAVIS/PNARAYAN) Pyatt